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MCB Training Center Invites Community to Meet Director at Reception on Thursday, October 26

October 23, 2006 – The Michigan Commission for the Blind (MCB) Training Center, 1541 Oakland Drive in Kalamazoo, will host a reception open to the public on Thursday, October 26, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the center's cafeteria as an opportunity for people in the community to meet Christine Boone, the center's new director. For more information or directions, please call Corda Moss at 269-337-3854.



The residential MCB Training Center serves blind and visually impaired clients of the Michigan Commission for the Blind from all areas of the state.

Christine Boone, Esq., has spent most of the past 25 years working in the field of vocational rehabilitation. She has served as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, rehabilitation teacher, and rehabilitation center instructor teaching home management and cane travel. She has also worked as a program administrator, transition services coordinator, and a specialist working with older blind individuals. She became a member of the Nebraska Bar in 1996 and then worked as a labor and employment lawyer in the hospitality industry before returning to government. From 2000 until 2003, she was the director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of

Blindness & Visual Services. Most recently, she served as corporate counsel for Blind Industries & Services of Maryland. Boone and her two teenage children and husband Doug have recently relocated to Kalamazoo from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Through its state- and federally funded training and services, the Michigan Commission for the Blind provides opportunities for individuals who are blind and visually impaired to achieve independence and employment. For more information, visit the Michigan Commission for the Blind website at www.michigan.gov/mcb or call MCB toll-free at 1-800-292-4200 (voice) or 1-888-864-1212 (TTY).

The Michigan Commission for the Blind is part of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), which is investing in Michigan's future by helping to create the jobs of today and tomorrow, ensuring that our children and adults have the skills these jobs demand, making Michigan a better place to do business, and training and placing those who need jobs now. For more information about DLEG, visit the department's website at www.michigan.gov/dleg.